

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is provided to remove issues for appeal and to present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, rather than to avoid prior art.

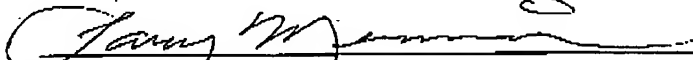
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above identified application. As of the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2005, Claims 16-44 were pending. Claims 16-44 were rejected. Claim 23 is amended by rewriting it into independent form. Claims 19-20, 25, 32 and 38 are canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enter the present amendment for consideration of claims 16-18, 21-22, 23-24, 26-31, 33-37 and 39-44 on appeal.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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